

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 35th Year

The Past and the Present “Twin Blends” Together !



How about this for great images of the past and present “blended” together ! Two local photographers with a love of history, great artistic skills, and technical innovation, Mike and Mark Mangham, have developed this technique of blending old and new photographs together. They find an interesting old photo and then go take a current photo from the same spot, and overlay (blend) them together using computer software and artistic skills. They share their work on their *Twin Blends Photography LLC* Facebook page. They also do wonderful videos using their drone. If you haven't seen their work, go to Facebook and Youtube to check it out. Here is the caption they published on Facebook with the above photo:

Union Station Then and Now

Union Station stood out with its tall "watchman's tower. Also called Union Depot, Shreveport Union Station was built by the Kansas City, Shreveport & Gulf Terminal Company in 1897, making it the oldest of Shreveport's passenger stations. As passenger service saw declines across the country due to increase air travel and personal automobiles, KCS ceased making stops on November 2, 1969, bringing to an end almost 30 years of Southern Belle service in Shreveport. Thus, Shreveport Union Station shut its doors the following day, November 3, never to see passenger service again. Oddly enough, two days later, a fire started in the basement, and consequently burned the station completely. (information courtesy <http://www.abandonedrails.com>) Vintage part of photo courtesy Northwest Louisiana Archives at LSUS

Upcoming Events

July 15 – RRVVHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

Aug. 5 - First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. – Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

The President's Message

Hello Railfans!

Last month we had a very light turnout at the meeting. I know that the numbers always fall off during the summer so I will blame low turnout on the time of year.

I reported that we had received a response from the UP RR to the letter we had written in May. They were very cordial but declined to donate the old Cotton Belt turntable. They cited several negative aspects about the site. In the letter they said we would be receiving the \$10,000 donation very soon.

The news from the state is that there will be no change in the water works museum complex this year. I expect that business will be as usual.

Last Saturday a few of our members spent most of the day laying track around the ceiling of the museum for the Lionel train. We had enough track for the project except about 46 inches. Dave ordered enough to finish and it will be installed soon. Thanks to Bill Hashieder, Jim McClure, Dave Bland, Jeff Cornelius and Gary Fox for their help and hard work.

When I get back from vacation in Colorado I will start working on the city to see if we can get them to waive some of the insurance requirements in the proposed museum property lease.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Happy Railroading!
Russell

Have You Paid Your 2016 Dues ?

Please send a check or money order for \$20.00 with this membership form to Bill Hasheider at 6813 Despot Road, Shreveport, LA 71108

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Next Meeting
July 15